

Personally I think that the present structure is easy enough if not too easy. In regards to this petition I believe the Tech and Tech Plus licenses should move to NOVICE and not automatically to General without showing any further knowledge. The proposal for the new Novice privileges would allow more operating privileges for present technicians and technician pluses.

The new Novice class should only be allowed 50 watts and they should not get the 7.2-7.3 segment. This segment is a very crowded segment and I would like to see Novices have an enticement to advance. If you give them too many privileges they will be complacent with those privileges. Since these Novices will, theoretically, be the newest and least experienced members of the amateur community I feel 50 watts an acceptable power level for them until their skills improve. When they do make mistakes, which they will, lower power and less allocation will do less damage.

As for the code requirement I think it should be retained at 10 WPM for the top, amateur extra class. I would have no trouble with the present Advanced class licensees being moved automatically to Extra because these people have experience and the test they took back when this class was issued proved their mettle.

Regards
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